

The Gift of
Singleness Is for
Everyone

Kinds of Singles

- The never-married single who wants to be married and cannot find a partner
- The never-married single who hasn't started looking for a mate
- The never-married single who does not want to be married
- The divorced spouse with children
- The divorced spouse without children
- The widower/widow without offspring
- The widower/widow with offspring
- The permanently separated spouse (*Do not want to divorce but refuses or cannot live with a partner*)
- The spiritually single (*Living with a spouse who is not of the same faith*)

Concerns of Singles

- Communication and listening
- Finances
- Self-worth and individuality
- Personal attractiveness
- Worship and spiritual growth
- Sexuality
- Relationship values and priorities
- Dealing with anger and irritation
- Being sensitive to others' needs and feelings
- Problems of the single parent
- Loneliness
- Coping with grief
- Stigma of divorce
- Pressure to marry or remarry
- Handling rejection
- Single social life
- Dating and re-mating
- Handling holidays
- Getting older as a single

Know that you are created in
God's image.

Be comfortable with who you are.

Be happy with who you are.

The Foundation

Genesis 1:26-28

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In charge.
Labor.

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27 So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

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28 Then God blessed them and said, “Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it. Reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the animals that scurry along the ground.”

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God gave them
equal voice, power,
vote, access,
opportunity

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Note that to be in God's image one need not have sex. The first description of Adam and Eve was their involvement in labor, not sex.



In other words, the completeness of the final product of God's creation (humans) is not made possible in the sex act but is a matter of fact how God made us.

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"God made me
complete,
unique, special,
and with a
purpose."

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1 Corinthians 7:7-9

1 Corinthians 7:7 Clear Word Verse Commentary

“Actually, I wish that all of you weren’t tied down so you could come and go as I do. It would be easier for you to help spread the good news about Jesus Christ. But everyone has his own talents and gifts which God has given him and each gift is different.”

“The single life, or the gift of celibacy, is a gift God gives to every Christian. They can have it until they get married or until Christ returns the second time.”

1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Single-minded singleness has its advantages. So...

- Don't think that marriage will make you happy.
- Don't think that marriage will solve your problems.
- Don't think that marriage will bring you closer to God.
- Don't think that marriage will make you a better person.
- Don't think that marriage will fulfill your dreams.
- It won't because it can't.



4 Wisdom Principles for Healthy Relationships

Wisdom Principle 1



“Honey, I want to love **me** before I love you.”

Wisdom Principle 2



“Honey, I want to love **Jesus** before I love you.”

Wisdom Principle 4



“Honey, I don’t
need you to be me
because God made
me who I am.”

Wisdom Principle 4



“If you cannot live without me, then I don’t want you in my life.”

John Powell in his book "The Secret of Staying in Love" page 13

"There is one need so fundamental and so essential that if it is met, everything else will almost certainly harmonize in a general sense of well-being. When this need is properly nourished, the whole human organism will be healthy and the person will be happy. . . .

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... This need is a true and deep appreciation for oneself, a genuine and joyful self-acceptance, an authentic self-esteem, which results in an interior sense of celebration: It's good to be me ... I am very happy to be me!"

Ellen White, *The Desire of Ages*, page 668

“The Lord is disappointed when His people place a low estimate upon themselves. He desires His chosen heritage to value themselves according to the price He has placed upon them. God wanted them, else He would not have sent His Son on such an expensive errand to redeem them.”

The Savior
is Waiting

The Savior is waiting to enter your heart
Why don't you let Him come in?
There's nothing in this world to
keep you apart
What is your answer to Him?

Refrain

Time after time
He has waited before
And now He is waiting again
To see if you are willing
To open the door
Oh, how He wants to come in.

If you'll take one step
Toward the Savior, my friend,
You'll find His arms open wide.
Receive Him, and all of your
darkness will end
Within your heart He'll abide.

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